

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims

Claims 1-27 (canceled).

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): A method of treatment of human liver, breast, colon or rectal malignancies, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide, which is covalently linked to at least one polyethylene glycol (PEG) molecule, wherein the administration of the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide reduces the physiological arginine level in the subject to below 10  $\mu$ M for at least 3 days.

Claim 29-42 (canceled).

Claim 43 (Currently amended): A method of treatment of human liver, breast, colon or rectal malignancies, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide of 80-100% purity as determined by gel chromatography and densitometry, which is covalently linked to at least one polyethylene glycol (PEG) molecule The method of treatment according to claim 24, wherein the administration of the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide reduces the physiological arginine level in the subject to below 10  $\mu$ M for at least 3 days.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The method of treatment according to claim 28, wherein the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide has a second phase half-life of at least about 21 days *in vivo*.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): A method of treatment of human liver, breast, colon or rectal malignancies, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 9 which is of 80-100% purity, covalently linked to at least one polyethylene glycol (PEG) molecule, and has an extended half-life of at least 3 days.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): The method of treatment according to claim 45, wherein the administration

of the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide reduces the physiological arginine level in the subject to below 10  $\mu$ M for at least 3 days.

Claim 47 (New): The method of claim 28, wherein the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide has an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO. 8.

Claim 48 (New): The method of claim 28, wherein the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 9.

Claim 49 (New): The method of claim 28, wherein the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide has an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO. 2.

Claim 50 (New): The method of claim 28, wherein the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 3.

Claim 51 (New): The method of claim 43, wherein the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide has an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO. 8.

Claim 52 (New): The method of claim 43, wherein the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 9.

Claim 53 (New): The method of claim 43, wherein the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide has an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO. 2.

Claim 54 (New): The method of claim 43, wherein the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 3.

Claim 55 (New): A method of treatment of human liver, breast, colon or rectal malignancies, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 3 which is of 80-100% purity, covalently linked to at least one polyethylene glycol (PEG) molecule, and has an extended half-life of at least 3 days.

Claim 56 (New): The method of claim 55, wherein the administration of the modified, full-length recombinant human arginase I polypeptide reduces the physiological arginine level in the subject to below 10  $\mu$ M for at least 3 days.